GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:154
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2008
FOOD SUBSIDY FOR BPL FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food subsidies on items meant for Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) population in the country, separately during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the subsidy to the BPL families during 2007-08;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details regarding price of subsidised items supplied to the States during the last three years and in the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 154 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 10.03.2008 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The subsidy released under Below Poverty Line (BPL) plus Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Above Poverty Line (APL) schemes during the last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Scheme	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
BPL+AAY	17548	16493	18001
APL	2792	3334	3349

(b), (c) & (d): Since Central Issue Prices (CIPs) have not been revised since 2002 and Minimum Support Price (MSP) has been regularly increased, the per quintal subsidy for BPL and AAY is expected to increase, in 2007-08. The price at which subsidized rice and wheat was supplied to the States along with the MSPs since 2004-05 is as under:-

Rice

(Rs. per quintal)

Marketing Year	MSP+Bonus (Paddy)	CIP (Rice)	
	APL	BPL	AAY
	Common Grade A	Common# Grade A	Common/Grade A

2004-05	560	590	795	830	565	300
2005-06	570	600	795	830	565	300
2006-07	620	650	795	830	565	300
2007-08	745	775	795	830	565	300

= Applicable in J&K, H.P., Uttrakhand, Sikkim & NE States

Wheat

(Rs. per quintal)

Marketing Year	MSP+Bonus	CIP		
	APL	BPL	AAY	
2004-05	630	610	415	200
2005-06	640	610	415	200
2006-07	700	610	415	200
2007-08	850	610	415	200
2008-09	1000	610	415	200